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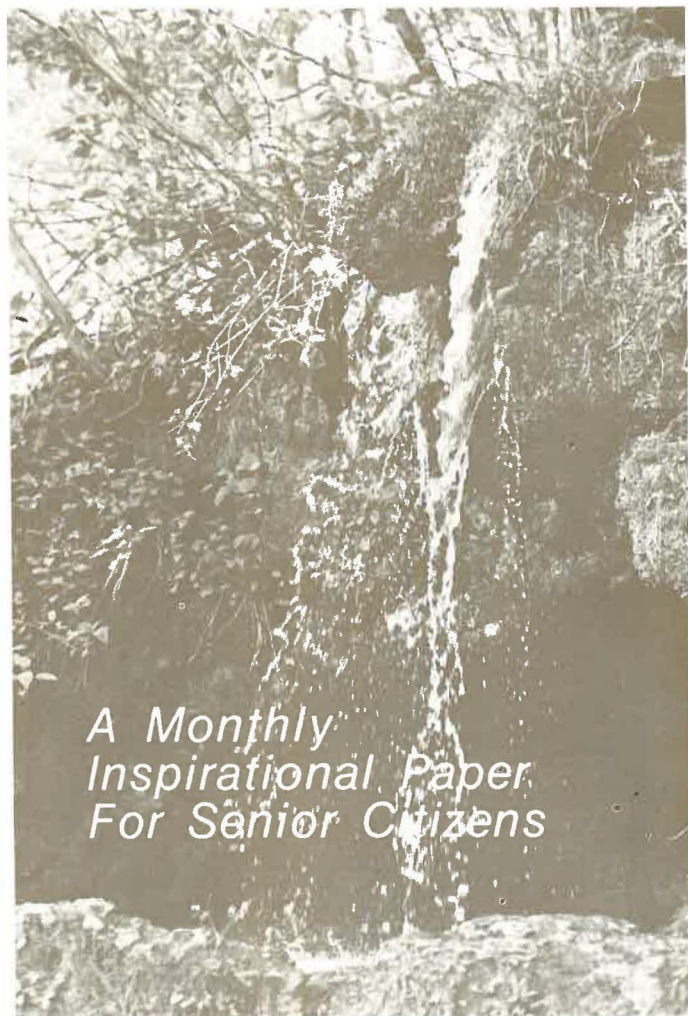
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YOU— A Missionary!

by
Mark J. Highman

"Me a missionary?" That's right, YOU. Have you ever wondered how you could serve God? Especially if you are limited to the confines of your own environment? Did you ever stop to think that whether you be in a rest home, or are just living at home with your husband or wife, that the Lord can use you just as much, if not more, than if you were able to travel America or across the seas? It's true, God can, and will, use you for Christian service if you really want to serve Him!

There are several missionary services that I would like to bring out. There are many more, but at least these will get you thinking.

WITNESS. In Matthew 18:19 we read that Christ charged all believers to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel..." Now we must realize that Christ didn't intend for every person to travel all over the earth and preach, though He has called some into this endeavor. All the world needs to be evangelized, including right where you live. Be a witness to all those you come in contact with daily; show them that you indeed have some good news to share with them—that Christ saves sinners! *So you can be a missionary by daily witnessing to those who are around you.*

PRAYER. A second very major missionary service is prayer. Ever think about it? There is such power in prayer that it surpasses human comprehension. Why is this? Because "with God all things are possible," (Matthew 19:26).

There are many missionaries out on foreign fields and right here at home that need your prayers. There are a lot of Christian students in colleges, parents raising children, pastors, evangelists, writers, counselors, etc., that need

solid prayer support. You can stand behind them in this important capacity.

Why not begin a list of prayer concerns? Ask friends around you if they have anything you could pray for them about; ask your pastor about giving you a list of prayer concerns of your church; then come boldly to the throne of grace presenting to God your earnest pleas for these who need your prayers! *So you can be a missionary by daily praying for those in earnest need!*

WRITING. a third missionary service in which you may be interested in involving yourself is writing. You can write, or type, letters to missionaries on the field, to encourage them and let them know you are praying for them. You know how much you love to receive mail! Well, so do they! A nice letter saying, "I care, I am praying for you," would be a major highlight in the missionaries' day. The Lord will bless you mightily.

You could also send a card to someone sick and in the hospital, or maybe a card of encouragement for a downcast, or a card of sympathy to the person who has lost a loved one. All of these ways, when done in the spirit of love, are a service for the Lord. *So you can be a missionary by writing!*

What other ways can you be in the service of the Lord? How about giving money to missions? How about volunteering to do Christian service in your local church area? What about calling people on the telephone to witness to, or sending/leaving tracts everywhere? The Lord can use you if you are willing to give a little of your time for His use. *So see, YOU can be a missionary!*

REFLECTIONS of FAITH

edited by
Patty Farmwald

Send a Missionary

Lord, send a missionary -
You've said the need is great
Anyone from my church will do.

Lord, send a missionary -
The laborers are so few
Many young and strong can go.

Lord, send a missionary -
Right now, prepare someone's heart
Lands across the sea await.

Lord, send a missionary -
I'm not capable,
It's here I belong.

Lord, send a missionary -
The burden grows heavy.
Here am I; send me!

by
Karen Payne

So Send I You*

So send I you to labor unrewarded,
To serve unpaid, unloved, unsought, unknown,
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing -
So send I you to toil for Me alone.
"As the Father hath sent me,
So send I you."

by
E. Margaret Clarkson
John W. Peterson

.. This poem was taken from the hymnal
"Living Hymns".

TORTURED for Christ

by
Richard Wurmbbrand

Edited for Living Springs by Teresa Galbreath



Intro: Richard Wurmbbrand is an evangelical minister who spent fourteen years in communist imprisonment and torture in his homeland of Rumania. Known as "the voice of the Underground Church," he tells the story of the Christians behind the Iron Curtain across the U.S. and Europe. In Tortured for Christ, Rev. Wurmbbrand gives his personal testimony and the testimony of the Underground Church.

I was brought up in a family in which no religion was recognized, and by the age of fourteen I was already a convinced, hardened atheist. (Ed. note: one who believes that no God exists). I considered the notions of God and Christ harmful for the human mind.

Although I was an atheist, something which was unreasonable forced me to enter churches. However, I never understood what was happening in these churches. I knew there was no God, but I was sad that such a God of love did not exist.

One day, still a very convinced atheist, I prayed God, something like this: "God, I know surely that You do not exist. But if perchance You exist, it is not my duty to believe in You; it is Your duty to reveal Yourself to me."

Around this same time, unknown to me, an old carpenter in a village high up in the mountains of Rumania prayed that God would bring a Jew into his village so that he might share the gospel with this Jew.

Something irresistible drew me to the village. Seeing that I was a Jew, the old carpenter gave me a Bible. As I read this Bible, I could only weep over it, comparing my evil life with the life of Jesus. I realized that I was a sinner and that only Jesus Christ could save me. When I turned

to Christ, he accepted me to be one of His own.

Soon after my wife was converted. As we brought souls to Christ, a new church arose in Rumania.

Then came the Nazi times. In Rumania, Nazism took the form of a dictatorship of extreme orthodox elements which persecuted Protestant groups as well as the Jews. My wife and I were arrested several times, beaten, and hauled before Nazi judges. Although the Nazi terror was great, it was only a taste of that which was to come under the communists.

Out of remorse for having been an atheist, I longed from the first day of my conversion to be able to witness to the Russians, as they are raised from childhood in atheism. I did not have to go to Russia to reach the Russians. Beginning August 23, 1944, one million Russian troops entered Rumania and, very soon after this, the communists came to power in our country.

As the Russian Christians created an Underground Church after the Russian revolution, the coming to power of communism compelled us to create in Rumania, too, an Underground Church: one faithful to preach the gospel. Of course the communists forbade this.

Our underground ministry had two branches: one, to the Russian soldiers and the other, to the enslaved peoples of Rumania.

I have preached the Gospel to men of many nations, but I have never seen a people drink in the Gospel like the Russians. Through converted Russian soldiers, we could smuggle many Bibles and Bible portions into Russian.

My son, Mihai, and other children under ten years of age would go to the Russian soldiers on

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A Forgiving Spirit

by
Jody Bridges

Has anyone ever hurt you? Have you ever felt rejected by a close friend? In instances such as this, it is easy to become angry or to seek revenge. By all worldly standards this action would be acceptable behavior, but by biblical standards it is sin (James 1:19, Rom. 12:17).

God explains in His Word that we are to forgive a person when he wrongs us (Eph. 4:32). God sending His Son to die on the cross for your sins is the perfect example of forgiveness. While you were sinning and rejecting God, He loved you and provided for your forgiveness (Rom. 5:8). Since the Lord chose to forgive you, can you do less than forgive your brother?

Forgiving means no longer holding a grudge, necessitating a spirit of love and kindness toward the one who has harmed you: Rejoice in his profit and never seek his hurt, overlooking his faults. In fact you should pray for the one who wronged you. Many times you must go out of your way to help this individual, and/or apologize to him for the bad feelings you have harbored against him. Such a spirit of humility will bring you great blessings from God and will guarantee His forgiveness of your sins (Mark 11:26).

Strength Beyond Measure

by
C. Dean Harkness

God is an Almighty God! Because He is almighty, each child of His has strength beyond measure. When we do not know what to do, God knows. God has made and continues to support His creation. He never tires.

In Isaiah 41:30 it shows that those who depend upon their own strength will fall. In verse 31 it goes on to say that those who wait upon the Lord shall be renewed, that they will run and not be weary, that they will be able to continue, and they will not faint when the going gets rough. This is done only by God giving the strength and the power to his people to help themselves.

Perhaps you have known the Lord for a long time and can think back to the rough times in your life and how God gave you the extra strength through a time of pain or sorrow. Think back and count the blessings of God and through this you may gain a renewed vigor and strength once again from the Lord. When we realize we are weak in ourselves, then are we strong in the Lord and have a strength beyond all measure.

Reach out for the strengthening hand that God offers to each of his children in their time of need.

Sept. 1	Friday	Acts 1:1-14
Sept. 2	Saturday	Acts 2:14-36
Sept. 3	Sunday	Ephesians 4:26-32
Sept. 4	Monday	Galatians 6:1-9
Sept. 5	Tuesday	Romans 12:9-16
Sept. 6	Wednesday	Psalms 19:1-14
Sept. 7	Thursday	Proverbs 15:1-8
Sept. 8	Friday	Isaiah 12:1-6

Sept. 9	Saturday	James 1:22-25
Sept. 10	Sunday	Isaiah 41:27-31
Sept. 11	Monday	Psalms 118:1-15
Sept. 12	Tuesday	Psalms 118:16-29
Sept. 13	Wednesday	Psalms 18:1-16
Sept. 14	Thursday	Psalms 18:17-32
Sept. 15	Friday	Psalms 18:33-50

Preach the Word

by
Cindy Denny

When a person "gets saved" by taking Christ as his personal Savior from sin, he has only just started to obediently follow God. The duration of a Christian's life on this earth should be spent in glorifying God (Col. 3:23). Everything we do should be to God's glory (I Cor. 10:31). We will want what God wants for us, so we will try to know and do His will.

As we read the Bible (cf. Matt. 28:19), we realize that one way we can glorify God by doing His will, is to tell others of Him. Be a missionary for God! You say you weren't "called" to be a missionary to a far land? Examine the word "missionary" in relation to Matthew 28:19. The word "missionary" means "sent one," or one sent by God. In Matthew 28:19, we Christians are *all* sent by God, whether to a far land or to our next door neighbor's. It is our responsibility before God to preach the Word (Rom. 10:14). We deceive ourselves if we only read God's commandment in Matthew 28:19, but fail to do what it says.

However, you may feel incapable of leading another to Christ. You are not alone in this. Moses felt incapable, too (Ex. 3: 11,12). God tells us, as He did Moses, that He will be with us always in this endeavor (Matt. 28:20)! And we know, that with Him all is possible (Mark 10:27).

Living for Today

by
Mark Highman

Read James 4:14 and Matthew 6:34 and consider the following:

Daily living is not always easy. In fact there is rarely a day that some problem does not arise, and usually more than one. There are some problems that carry over to many days, and even months or years. But do you know that many people multiply their problems? They are still living in yesterday, or worrying about what will happen tomorrow. How does it multiply? Well, yesterday's problems are over with for yesterday is over with; yet an individual will harbor yesterday's problems and pile them on today's problems. Then worse, that person will worry about tomorrow's problems, "I wonder what will go wrong tomorrow," and pile that on today's problems. It's no wonder people are so overwhelmed with problems.

Here is a little motto I want you to remember: "Live for today." Sure there will be times when yesterday's problems will arise today, but otherwise forget about yesterday's problems, embarrassments, and sins (if you've confessed them to the Lord); work out today's problems; and don't even consider what may happen tomorrow, for that day has its own problem situations that you will have to work out. When you learn to "live for today" you will cut your problems by 2/3, and you can live a happier life in the will of our Saviour!

Sept. 16	Saturday	Isaiah 41:27-31
Sept. 17	Sunday	Matthew 28:1-10
Sept. 18	Monday	Matthew 18:10-20
Sept. 19	Tuesday	Romans 10:10-18
Sept. 20	Wednesday	Romans 12:1-11
Sept. 21	Thursday	Romans 12:11-21
Sept. 22	Friday	Exodus 3:1-10

Sept. 23	Saturday	Exodus 3:11-22
Sept. 24	Sunday	Matthew 6:25-34
Sept. 25	Monday	Mark 11:20-24
Sept. 26	Tuesday	Luke 8:4-15
Sept. 27	Wednesday	Galatians 5:16-26
Sept. 28	Thursday	James 4:13-17
Sept. 29	Friday	Psalms 12
Sept. 30	Saturday	Psalms 150

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the streets and in the parks carrying many Bibles, Gospels and other literature in their pockets. The Russian soldiers would pat them on the head, talk to them lovingly, thinking of their own children they had not seen for many years. The soldiers would give them candy, and the children in turn would give the soldiers Bibles and Gospels which they eagerly accepted. Many Russian soldiers received the Gospel this way when there was no other way to reach them.

The Russians were very fond of watches and stole them from everybody. One would see Russians with several watches on both arms. Rumanians who wished to have a watch had to go to the Russian army barracks to buy a stolen one, often buying back their own. So it was common for Rumanians to enter the Russian barracks. We of the Underground Church had a good pretext—that of buying watches—to go into them, too. When I would go into the barracks to buy a watch, a crowd of Russian soldiers would gather around me and I was able to witness and hand out gospel literature.

Russians are never superficial or shallow in religious matters. If they fought against religion or if they were for it and sought Christ, they put their whole soul into it. That is why in Russia every Christian is a soul-winning missionary.

The second branch of our work was missionary work among Rumanians themselves.

I myself was in prison together with souls whom God helped me to win for Christ. I was in the same cell with one who had left behind six children and who was now in prison for his Christian faith. I asked him, "Have you any resentment against me because I brought you to Christ and now you and your family are in misery?" He replied, "I have no words to express my thankfulness that you have brought me to the wonderful Savior. I would never have it another way."

We succeeded in printing several Christian pamphlets, passing them through the severe censorship of the communists. We presented to the communist censor booklets which had on their front page a picture of Karl Marx, the founder of Communism. In these books, after a few pages full of quotations from Marx, Lenin, and Stalin, we gave our message about Christ. The censor considered these to be communist books and put the seal of approval upon them. We went to communist demonstrations and distributed these "communist" booklets. By the time the readers reached page ten and found that the booklets were about God and Jesus, we were very far away.

The underground Church worked not only in secret meetings but in bold, open proclaiming of the gospel on streets and to communist

leaders. We were prepared to pay the price.

The communists persecuted the Underground Church very much, because they recognized in it the only effective resistance left.

Next month: Richard Wurmbrand is captured!

Let's Chatter

About a Matter

editorial by Mark Highman

This issue of LIVING SPRINGS signifies that we have now printed an entire volume of issues, and are now starting on the second volume. Praise the Lord for His wonder-working power in making it possible to print an entire year of the periodical. It has been because of your prayers, because of our subscribers, and because of the mysterious power of God that made LIVING SPRINGS possible.

Now that we are starting our new volume of LIVING SPRINGS I would like to ask that each of our readers take it upon themselves to pray for this particular ministry. In another month the students will be returning to Cedarville College and at that time we will be putting together a new student staff, breaking in new people, and possibly trying new ideas within the paper to make it more productive for you. This is always a concern for prayer.

Also this is the last year that I personally will be on the staff, and it is a position that requires much of a person since the one who holds this position is the heart beat of the staff. Thus, I ask you to pray for us while we endeavor to select our new student Associate Editor. Though it will be the first person to take over my position in LIVING SPRINGS, the transition will be good and refreshing utilizing the potentials of a new person with a new bag of fresh ideas.

This year I would also like you to remember Pastor Green, our Editor, Paul Gathany, Managing Editor, and Harmon Bergen, Associate Editor, and even those who print our paper, in prayer.

I want each of our readers to know that I am also praying for them. If you have a special request that you want me to pray for, please write me. If you write a letter that you do not want printed, just write "NO PRINT" on the letter.

I would not want you to forget that this column is for your voice. If you have something to say, or poetry, or questions, please feel free to write us. We especially want to know what the Lord is doing in your life. You will find our address on the reverse side of this issue. Hope to hear from you soon!

Quizzle by Bob King

Directions:

Find the words listed below, in the word square. These words are places missionaries visited in the book of Acts. Circle all the ones you find, and cross them off the list.

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	Mysia
Berea	
	Perga
Caesarea	Philippi
Corinth	
	Rome
Derbe	Samaria
Ephesus	Thessalonica
	Thyatira
Jerusalem	Troas
Judea	

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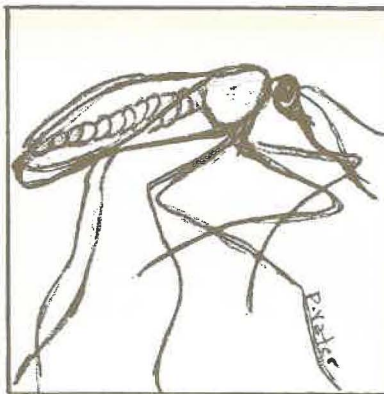
Looking At God's Creation

by
Karen Payne

Donna Farmer

Few people have ever lived without encountering the mosquito and suffering from its bite. Only the female mosquito will bite because she needs the blood to reproduce, some mosquitos bite only in daylight, others only when it is dark. The mosquito shows remarkable ability in flight, with her wings beating from 250 to 600 strokes a second. The mosquito can hover, loop-the-loop, suddenly speed up or slow down, dart between slapping hands, even fly upside down, sideways or backwards. According to one observer, some mosquitos can fly through rain, dodging drops, and arrive dry at their destination. Imagine that!

A mosquito is attuned to moisture, warmth and substances in perspiration in determining a suitable victim. Depending on her reaction to these factors, she settles gently upon the unsuspecting prey. She may go unnoticed, until one feels the bite or the subsequent itching



sensation, for mosquitos are extraordinarily light-footed. Some mosquitos can even land on a spider's web without alerting the spider.

The Bible teaches us that Satan, is out to get what he can from us; *"your adversary, the devil, like a roaring lion walking about, seeking whom he may devour"* (1 Peter 5:8b). Jesus said in Luke 22:31 in reference to Peter, *"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you*

as wheat."

Satan, from the time he deceived Eve in the garden, until even now is trying to work unnoticed: *"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his craftiness, so your minds should be corrupted,"* [11 Corinthians 11:3a). One device of Satan is described in 11 Corinthians 11:14b which says *"for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."* What can one do to avoid being deceived by Satan? *"Submit yourselves, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you,"* (James 4:7).

Submission means yielding to authority by obedience. The way one can know the will of God is by meditating in his revealed Word.

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But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 4:14

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